

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish both the people of Taiwan and Americans celebrating Taiwan's National Day this October 10th a Happy Double Ten Day.

In the decades preceding and following the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, the United States and Taiwan have built a solid bond that cannot be broken—born out of our shared values and our cooperation with each other in times of crisis, and in times of advancement.

During the years, this key ally in the Asia-Pacific has transformed itself into a multiparty democracy which is a significant contributor to the global economy and humanitarian assistance. This is chiefly due to the hard work of the 23.5 million people on Taiwan, who value education, science, and progress. Americans share these values, which is why we have also contributed to Taiwan's success not only through our support and friendship, but through the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, cornerstones of our relations with Taiwan.

In 2016, Taiwan ranked as the United States' 10th largest trading partner and 7th largest export market for U.S. agricultural products. Moreover, Tennessee's exports to Taiwan reached \$265.19 million in the same year. Taiwan is Tennessee's 7th largest export market in Asia. Tennessee companies have substantial opportunities to expand their business and cooperation with Taiwan. I will, together with Taiwan, work to find areas where we can partner to our mutual benefit.

This is a day to celebrate, and to be optimistic. I ask my colleagues to join me in recommitting ourselves to the U.S.-Taiwan relationship, and in wishing Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

HONORING ROBERT REESE

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Reese, an outstanding constituent in my district on the Central Coast of California. Robert has served as the executive director for the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts for over 30 years. His dedication to preserving a vibrant artistic culture that pays homage to the traditions of the original artists' colony of Carmel, CA has served to make the central coast a hub of innovative art and science.

Whether it be through sculptures, paintings, concerts, poetry readings, recitals, or multimedia performances, the Center for the Arts has consistently provided the invaluable service of allowing residents the opportunity to see themselves, and their community, through a different lens.

Throughout his tenure as executive director, Robert has remained true to the founding vision of Jeanne D'Orge, who founded the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts in the 1940's. Famous for producing and hosting some of the world's greatest artists, poets, and writers since the turn of the 20th century, Carmel-by-the-Sea continues to nurture original art and new forms of theater, a wonderful public service that Robert has contributed to tirelessly over the past three decades. His keen eye for fully exploring the "ethos" behind any given piece of artistic expression is a gift that served him well at bringing the community the best kind of art—that which challenges our preconceived notions, and changes the way we think.

In addition to being an expert curator of fine arts, Robert is also a former journalist and award-winning writer. His writing earned him an anthology in the publication Best Spiritual Writing, and the Monterey County Cultural Arts Benefactor Award. A man of great civic virtue, he also regularly volunteers as a chaplain for the Monterey County Jail, and at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing Robert Reese for his many accomplishments and contributions to his community. In these polarized times, bringing people together in any way possible is of the utmost importance, and there is no better way to accomplish this than through appreciation of great art, whatever form that may take.

RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS, ROBERT NEWLEN

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I am so honored to rise today to recognize and commend the Deputy Librarian of Congress, Robert Newlen, who is leaving the Library of Congress after more than 43 years of distinguished service to accept a position with a private foundation.

Before being named Deputy Librarian last year, Mr. Newlen served as chief of staff, assistant law librarian in the Law Library, and held several leadership positions within the Congressional Research Service.

Mr. Newlen is literally an institution within an institution. He has provided exceptional leadership and counsel across the Library of Congress since the mid-1970's and is admired

and respected widely by his many colleagues and friends there. His knowledge, energy, and wisdom have enabled him to be an enthusiastic champion for the Library, both across the nation and the world.

It has been my honor to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress in the current Congress and in previous terms, and in those capacities I have always been impressed with Mr. Newlen's dedication to the world's premier library and his personal warmth and self-effacing manner. Robert Newlen is a classic example of what a public servant should be. I thank him for his service to the Library of Congress, to the United States Congress, and to the American people. He will be missed on Capitol Hill. I wish him well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for Roll Call Nos. 542 (on the passage of H.R. 3823), and 543 (on the passage of H.R. 2792). Had I been present, I would have voted No on both these votes.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 106TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 2, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 106th National Day of the Republic of Taiwan (China), or the "Double-Ten" celebration. Since the signing of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), the United States and Taiwan have forged a strong partnership based on our shared values of democracy, freedom, and rule of law.

Over the years, Taiwan's economy has developed into one of the most innovative and advanced in the world. Taiwan has also proved itself to be a model of democracy in the Asia-Pacific region. The relationship between Taiwan and the United States is particularly strong when it comes to trade between the two countries, having created roughly half-a-million jobs in the United States. Taiwan's role and importance as a trading partner with the United States continues to grow every day.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to further strengthening our relationship to create even more prosperity for our two countries. I stand ready to work with this administration in order to do so.

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